

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order in Room 206 of Town Hall at 8:37 a.m.

Present were First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Board of Education Chairman Michael Harman, Board of Finance Chairman Jon Zagrodzky and RTM Moderator Sarah Seelye. Selectman Susan Marks and Town Administrator Kathleen Buch were also in attendance.

Board of Education

Mr. Harman noted that the BOE will discuss the effects of the State ESC grant funding cuts at its next meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the effects of the ESC grant cuts to the BOE and BOS budgets. Mr. Zagrodzky explained that the BOF chose to balance out the 1.6 million dollar budget cut equitably between the BOE and BOS budgets, while keeping tax increases to a minimum and maintaining an appropriate fund balance. It was decided that a review of the budget process should be made to members of the RTM.

The BOE expects to receive the KG&D school facilities report in mid-June.

Board of Finance

Mr. Zagrodzky was unable to attend the Consolidated Services Working Group meeting held on April 25, 2016. Mrs. Stevenson explained committee members agreed that a neutral party would be hired to study possible consolidation of Town and BOE health care plans.

Mrs. Stevenson stated that the Housing Trust Fund money proposed to be allocated for the reconstruction of Old Town Hall Homes must first be approved by the BOS, then the BOF and finally by the RTM. The BOS will not be ready to approve the money until there is a sanctioned project in place.

RTM Moderator

Mrs. Seelye mentioned that the updated Peddler's Ordinance would be under consideration at an upcoming RTM meeting. Mrs. Stevenson stated that the purchase of the property at 41 Hecker Ave. will be forwarded to the RTM for approval once the final easement language is agreed upon between the State and the Darien Land Trust.

First Selectman

The First Selectman has signed a non-binding gas expansion agreement with Eversource which shows the town's good faith in moving ahead with the gas expansion project. The town garage feasibility report will be presented at the BOS meeting on May 2, 2016 and Mrs. Stevenson encouraged anyone interested in the project to attend.

Mrs. Stevenson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. Sarah Seelye moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Harman. The minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0. Sarah Seelye moved to adjourn, seconded by Michael Harman and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary